



# Clapham Primary

Respect  
Responsibility  
Cooperation

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## Welcome to Clapham

The Minister of Education, Sir Baden Pattinson, officially opened Clapham Primary School in 1961.

The school maintains a reputation for high quality teaching and achievement growth for all. We are a Reception to Year 6 campus and part of the Mitcham Plains Partnership.

We nurture our students' wellbeing and love of learning by equipping them to thrive in the 21st Century. Our focus is on quality teaching and learning through the use of evidence based research and consistency of practice. Clapham Primary is committed to improving the development and growth of every child at our school.

Accredited by the council of International Schools, we provide a high quality international education program which is committed to continuous improvement.



## Our Values

Our school has three core values that permeate our culture, guide our behaviours and are practiced by all community members:

- Cooperation
- Respect
- Responsibility

We encourage parent participation and engagement. We recognise the very important partnership our families play in the development of our students.

## Student Wellbeing

Clapham Primary promotes the wellbeing and resilience of our students by inspiring, engaging and empowering them. Incorporating student voice inspires participation and decision-making for successful learning. Strength-based approaches effectively engage and support students' growth and learning.

Promoting wellbeing and high expectations empowers successful learning. Building trusting and respectful relationships inspires and encourages students to grow and achieve. Valuing diversity, individual capabilities and interests empower our students to embrace new learning and opportunities.

Staff run recess/lunchtime clubs supporting successful student engagement, these include: yoga, handball, running, chess, dance clubs and many more.

## Teaching and Learning

Our staff continuously improve their knowledge and skills with ongoing professional development.

We believe learning happens within and beyond the classroom.

Students, in conjunction with their teacher set learning improvement goals every 5 weeks. They reflect on their achievements and share their learning with their families.

We focus on a minimum of 12 months learning growth for each student by working collaboratively, targeting students' individual learning needs, developing engagement and authentic learning opportunities.



## Specialist Programs

**JAPANESE:** All students attend a Japanese lesson each week. Students participate in a variety of activities encompassing the three writing systems, oral, aural communication and a cultural perspective.



**THE ARTS:** All students participate in lessons in Visual Arts, Drama, Dance, Media and Music. Every year at the end of Term 3 we hold a whole-school Production with every class presenting an item. Festival of Music Choir is offered to students in Years 5 & 6 once a week as an extra-curricular activity. Instrumental Music (Strings) is available to Year 3 to 6 students.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION:** We believe that young people who are physically active perform better academically. The lessons cater for all abilities and are designed to be inclusive and have all students experience their own personal development.

**TECHNOLOGIES:** Students use a range of digital and manipulative coding and design resources, including 3D printing and a Green Screen. Lessons are held in our Innovation Centre.



**SCIENCE:** We have a dedicated STEM Centre with specialised equipment where students develop understanding, knowledge and skills through a scientific view of the world. Students are challenged to explore science, its concepts, nature and uses through an inquiry processes.

## STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM:

Students work in our purpose built kitchen and garden, propagating, harvesting and cooking healthy meals with our school-grown produce.



## Student Leadership

At Clapham Primary, we believe that students have a voice and are able to make a valuable contribution to our school. It is important that students are given the opportunity to express their ideas and views. Student voice plays an important part in the day-to-day proceedings of Clapham Primary.

We have a range of student leadership opportunities for all students to be involved in including: School Captains, House Captains, Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Ambassadors and Student Representative Council.

## Uniform

The school has a compulsory uniform policy/dress code requiring students to wear clothing as ratified by the Governing Council. Hats are also compulsory in Terms 1, 3, 4 and Term 2 if UV Index is above 3.



## Learning Technologies

Increasingly, digital devices play a significant part in the education of our students through the use of dedicated iPads, Laptops and Smartboards. These are used as supportive and assistive technologies to engage targeted learning.

We manage a Bring Your Own Laptop (BYOL) program for Years 3 to 6 students. We also offer hire and borrow options to support all students' circumstances.

These technologies support students to incorporate their preferred method of learning into the educational environment to facilitate better learning outcomes.

This increases their engagement, productivity and enthusiasm for learning by implementing their preferred learning style.

## Community

Families are encouraged to be active members of the school community. Volunteers are invaluable to our school and there are many ways you are encouraged to be involved.

Some of the main volunteer roles in our school are The Kitchen Garden Program, Sports Coaching, Classroom Support (e.g. hearing reading), Camps, Excursions, and Governing Council (including sub-committees).

The classroom teacher is the key contact between the family and school, with the Front Office supporting all school and student-based enquiries.

School updates are shared with families via the Audiri App, Seesaw and Facebook.

Parent Teacher Interviews are an important opportunity for families to directly support students' success at school. These are led by the students in partnership with the classroom teacher and families.

## Enrolments

For further information regarding our School zone, School tours, Uniforms, International Students Programs or to lodge an 'Expression of Interest' to attend Clapham Primary school, please visit [www.claphamps.sa.edu.au](http://www.claphamps.sa.edu.au)



## Leadership

**Principal** - Shane Atkins

**Deputy Principal** - Cassie Kopias

**Finance Officer** – Tracy Clifford-Clark

**Curriculum Lead Literacy** – Alicia Sobol

**Curriculum Lead Mathematics** – Ben Hillier

**Curriculum Lead Stu Agency** – Danica Klemse

**Autism Inclusion Teacher** – Catherine Howat

